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UNRESOLVED ISSUES IN RHEE-ROBERTSON AGREEMENT

1. South Korea's Foreign Minister on 21 July accused US of bad faith and threatened to repudiate Rhee-Robertson agreement and denounce armistice.
 - a. Assurances given Communists by UNC on two points conflict with Rhee-Robertson understanding.
 - (1) Not to support ROK unilateral action
 - (2) To protect NNRC personnel
2. Also requested assurances on following:
 - a. Favorable action on their request for NATO-type treaty
 - b. Immediate implementation of Tasca economic aid recommendations.
3. Rhee could exploit other unreconciled issues
 - a. Has qualified his agreement not to obstruct armistice until after 90-day political conference.
 - (1) Can declare agreement invalid at any time by invoking these qualifications.
 - b. The prisoner disposition is contrary to armistice agreement.
 - c. Rhee demands that US will automatically withdraw after 90 days of political conference
 - d. Rhee will retain troops under UNC only under certain conditions.
 - e. 20-division force may not satisfy Rhee
 - f. The Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission not discussed.
 - (1) Rhee unlikely permit NNSC to operate in South Korea.

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